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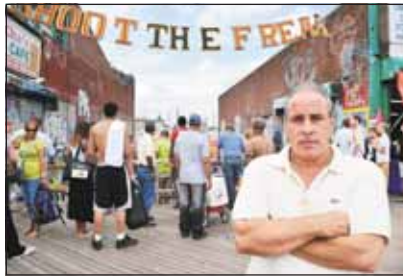
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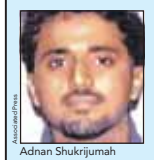
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84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Borough Hill-Downtown

A thief snatched an iPhone from a woman on Warren Street on Aug. 7—and then another thief made his move in the ensuing confusion.

The woman told cops that she was between Smith and Hoyt streets at around 12:30 pm when the first thief swiped the fancy smartphone from her hands.

When the victim then gave chase, she dropped her purse, giving an opportunist thief the chance to pick it up and remove \$100.

The victim got a good look at the second creep, but cops were unable to catch either.

Un-safe!
A thief broke into the Unique Clothing Store on Fulton Street and stole more than \$5,500 from the safe on Aug. 2.

An employee at the store told cops that he was last at the store at Lawrence Street at around 6:50 pm. When he returned three days later, he realized that the cash was missing from the safe.

iGrabs

At least three more iPhones were stolen in the 84th Precinct. Here's a rundown:

• A thief snatched the gadget phone out of a woman's hand on Bergen Street on Aug. 2. The victim said she was at Bond Street at around 7:10 pm when the bandit made his move.

• A thief snatched the desirable phone from a woman while she chatted on Wyckoff Street on Aug. 5. The thug made his move between Court and Smith streets at around 2:15 pm.

• A handoff broke into a Bergen Street apartment and stole the super-cool phone on Aug. 2. The victim said that he went to sleep in his place between Third and Fourth avenues at around 1:15 am. When he awoke about six hours later, the phone was missing. He suspected the thief must have entered through a terrace door, and his backpack was found in the lobby of the building.

Limo lunacy

Two bozos robbed a limo driver on Aug. 7, but were apprehended by the boys in blue.

The driver of the unlicensed

limo picked the two thugs up in Prospect-Lefts Gardens at around 7:30 am and drove them Downtown. An argument quickly developed, culminating in the pair threatening the driver with knives and stealing \$12 from him.

As the pair demanded more cash, the driver abandoned his ride at Jay and Wiloughby streets, crying for help. Witnesses then directed cops towards the Jay Street-Borough Hall subway station, where cops caught the 19- and 20-year-old suspects.

Crazy cabbie

A cabbie went berserk on his passenger after he tried to pay with a credit card on Aug. 6.

The victim told cops that he had hailed the cab in Manhattan and reached his destination at Clark and Henry streets at around 2:20 am. When he pulled out his plastic, the driver said he wanted cash and grabbed the passenger through the partition and snatched his iPod.

The victim then took off running, and the cabbie tackled him to the ground. That's when Officer Celina Velazquez slapped the cuffs on the disgruntled driver.

Transit terror

A thief stole a wallet from a woman's purse while she attended a birthday party at the Transit Museum on Aug. 7.

The victim told cops she had left her purse on the floor during the party at the underground institution at Schermerhorn Street and Boerum Place at around 12:23 pm. When she returned her attention to it only minutes later, it was gone. She lost an assortment of credit cards and IDs. Surveillance cameras captured the creep making his move.

Studi-oh no!

A jerk stole an assortment of stuff from PNC Studios on Jay Street on July 31.

The worker at the studio told cops that he had last been at the studios at John Street at around 11 pm. When he returned two days later, the studio was missing a two-laptop and a bicycle.

Car capers

At least two cars were reported missing in the 84th Precinct last week—including one that has been gone since May!

• A woman said her car had

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Bonnie & Clyde
A man and a woman robbed a man opening his car door on Columbia Street on Aug. 3.

Tunnel take

Five teens robbed snatched a man's iPhone inside the Carroll Street train station on Aug. 2.

The 37-year-old victim told cops that he was on the southbound platform under Smith and President streets at around noon when he was surrounded by five teens with bad intentions.

When one post-pubescent punk grabbed his phone, the victim wrestled with the underage thugs, to no avail. But Transit cop Rene Soto was on the scene quicker than you can say "Steve Jobs" and arrested three of the five member crew, two aged 15, and the third aged 16-years-old.

Purloined purse

A sticky-fingered man stole a woman's purse on Smith Street on Aug. 8.

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Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

Door Kick
Cops are on the hunt for a possible Kung-fu master who kicked in the door of a 13th street home on Aug. 6 to steal jewelry, a MacBook and two cameras.

Debit gone

Someone stole a debit card from a Sixth Avenue apartment sometime between July 29 and Aug. 3.

After the perp nabbed the card from inside the home, which is between First Street and Garfield Place, he racked up \$5,000 worth of charges.

Camera sly

A smooth criminal sneaked into a President Street apartment on Aug. 2, making off with three cameras and a MacBook.

Cops said that the burglar entered the home, which is between Fifth and Sixth avenues, between 9 am and 11 pm while its residents were away. However, the doors were locked and there were no signs of forced entry.

Botched grab

Some jerk tried to steal a woman's purse on Flatbush Avenue on Aug. 4.

The perp approached the woman near Dean Street at around 3 am, pushed her down and tried to take the bag. When the woman started screaming, he fled without his desired goods.

Wheel had

At least three motorized rides were stolen this week-end. Here are the details that will drive you berserk.

• A 2000 Buick Rendezvous was stolen from Nevins Street overnight on Aug. 1. The victim told cops that he parked his SUV between Warren and Baltic streets at around 9 pm, but it was gone by the next day.

Desk job

A thief crept through the unlocked door of an Eighth Street warehouse on Aug. 5

and stole two computers, two cameras, a cellphone and a backpack.

A worker in the building, which is between Second and Third avenues, told cops that he noticed the pricey tech items were missing from their usual spot on the front desk at around 10 am.

Stole a Vespa

• A 2007 Cadillac Escalade was swiped from the quiet stretch of Flatbush Avenue near the Prospect Park Zoo on Aug. 6. The formerly ballin' victim told cops that he parked his whip in front of the zoo at 10 am and that it was gone when he returned at 5 pm.

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iPhone out

A hulking 6-foot-3 hoodlum knocked a 38-year-old man out with one punch as he robbed him of his iPhone on Flatbush Avenue on Aug. 1.

The thug stopped his victim between Dekalb Avenue and Fulton Street at 11:30 pm while the man chatted on his pricey smartphone.

"How much money do you have on you?" the fiend asked him. But before the victim responded, the thug lunged out with one of his heavy meat hooks, flooring him with one blow.

MetroMenace

A gun-toting goon placed the business end of a pistol to the back of a straphanger's head during a daring mid-morning Aug. 2 mugging.

The 37-year-old victim had just entered a train station near the corner of Lafayette and Washington avenues at 11:12 am and was approaching a MetroCard vending machine when the thief crept up behind him, put a gun to his head and forced him to hand over his wallet, police were told.

Pathmarked

A thug jumped a 50-year-old outside the Pathmark on Atlantic Avenue on Aug. 8, leaving the man with a smattering of injuries.

The victim told police he had just left the supermarket between Sixth Avenue and Fort Greene Place at 5 am when the stranger attacked him for no reason.

The victim ended up with deep cuts to the back of his head, police said.

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The victim was arguing with the perp between Nassau and Driggs avenue at about 11:50 pm when the thug pulled out a weapon concealed by a black rag. When the victim turned, the jerk smashed him in the head with the object and fled, leaving him bleeding in the ground.

No fare

An enraged taxi passenger attacked his driver and assaulted his arresting officer near Driggs Avenue and N. 10th Street on Aug. 3.

Motorbike theft

A thief stole a Suzuki motorcycle from its parking spot on N. 12th Street overnight on Aug. 5.

The victim told cops that he locked the bike to a fence between Driggs Avenue and Roobling Street — but when he came back at 9 am the next day, it was gone.

Forgetful loss

A crooked crook broke

into the Go Yoga building on N. Sixth Street after its owner left the roll-down door unlocked on Aug. 5.

The manager arrived at work, which is near Berry Street, at about 6:30 am the next day to find the front glass door open and \$100 missing from the till. She told cops that she forgot to lower and lock the front metal door.

Electronic theft

A villain broke into an Indus Street apartment and stole cash, a laptop, cameras and jewelry on Aug. 6.

The victim told cops that she went home, which is between McGinness Boulevard and Provost Street, at about 10:30 am to find the stuff missing. The front door had been busted open.

Nap grab

A quiet thug busted into a Kent Avenue apartment and stole electronics while the tenant was sleeping on Aug. 8.

The victim told cops that he was snoozing when the thief broke through the patio door at the apartment, which is near N. Third Street. The tenant woke up at about 8:30 am to find that cash, an iPod and a laptop were missing.

Collared caper

A dastardly dunce was arrested for trying to steal electronics right out from under the nose of Broadway Stages employees on N. Henry Street on Aug. 3.

An employee at the venue, which is near Nassau Avenue, told police that the perp came in posing as another worker at about 11:25 am and grabbed a bunch of electronics. When one worker confronted him, he fled with the expensive equipment, but police caught up and arrested him.

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Dancewave troupe shows in Scotland

By Andy Campbell
The Brooklyn Paper

The Park Slope youth dance troupe that was robbed of \$10,000, yet was able to re-raise that cash just in time to enter a prestigious dance festival in Scotland has made its victorious return, having been the only American representative at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival.

"We've worked really hard to get to this point, but we were blown away by this whole experience," said Dancewave Director Diane Jacobowitz, just months after a travel agent scammed her troupe out of the thousands they saved up for the festival. "These moments — the bad and good —

we will remember for the rest of our lives."

In fact, the troupe of teens made so many waves with its modern performances at the classic festival that the dancers were asked to come back to a bigger competition in Edinburgh — where the adult professionals go to play.

But months ago, none of this seemed likely. Indeed, just getting to the land of Scots was something out of "Mission: Impossible."

In January, the troupe revealed that a shady business called Adam Travel had stolen all of its funds — hard-earned cash raised with the troupe's own

part-time jobs and some benefit shows — in a con that made Jacobowitz think she was buying airline tickets when she was really paying \$10,000 for unpaid seat reservations.

Luckily, after reading our coverage, a lawyer gave the Fourth Avenue company some pro-bono representation, which resulted in the bank repaying the expensive fraud. The Slope community rallied to the land of the troupe, which received donations of \$10,000 from Nick Kotsonis, owner of the S Club Fitness center on Union Street, as well as endorsements from other businesses like Corcoran Realty and British Airways.

The money landed the troupe some worldwide attention. But the dancers' modern routines at top-of-the-line venues like His Majesty's Theatre in Aberdeen have landed them a possible invitation to the Edinburgh International Festival, a world-renowned dance celebration for the best and brightest.

Jacobowitz joked that there will be a hefty price tag for that festival, too, but said that she's not worried.

"It took us a whole year to get to Scotland and nothing could deter us," she said. "We were able to surmount all obstacles — getting to Edinburgh will be a matter of keeping our spirit."



The girls from Dancewave in Park Slope finally made their way to Aberdeen, Scotland, and performed as the only American representatives Aberdeen International Youth Festival.

Strong hands, but they leave empty

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

A wannabe burglar with super villain strength broke through the wall of a First

Street apartment on Aug. 8 after entering the building through the basement. The resident told cops that she was sleeping at around 4 am, when she was awakened

to discover someone charging into her home, which is between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

She yelled loudly enough to scare off the perp, who wasn't able to swipe anything.

Desk job

A thief crept through the unlocked door of an Eighth Street warehouse on Aug. 5 and stole two computers, two cameras, a cellphone and a backpack.

A worker in the building, which is between Second and Third avenues, told cops that he noticed the pricey tech items were missing from their usual spot on the front desk at around 1 pm.

Debit gone

Someone stole a debit card from a Sixth Avenue apartment sometime between July 29 and Aug. 3.

After the perp nabbed the card from inside the home, which is between First Street and Garfield Place, he racked up \$5,000 worth of charges.

Door kick

Cops are on the hunt for a possible Kung-Fu master who kicked in the door of a 13th street home on Aug. 6 to steal jewelry, a MacBook and two cameras.

The Bruce Lee wannabe made his move into the home, which is between Sixth and Seventh avenues, sometime between 11 am and 2 pm.

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Camera sly

A smooth criminal snatched into a President Street apartment on Aug. 2, making off with three cameras and a MacBook.

Cops said that the burglar entered the home, which is between Fifth and Sixth avenues, between 9 am and 11 pm while its residents were away. However, the doors were locked and there were no signs of forced entry.

Botched grab

Some jerk tried to steal a woman's purse on Flatbush Avenue on Aug. 4.

The perp approached the woman near Dean Street at around 3 am, pushed her down and tried to take the bag. When the woman started screaming, he fled without his desired goods.

Wheel bad

At least three motorized rides were stolen this weekend. Here are the details that will drive you bonkers.

A 2003 Buick Rendezvous was stole from Nevins Street overnight on Aug. 1. The victim told cops that he parked his SUV between Warren and Baltic streets at around 9 pm, but it was gone by the next day.

taking \$7,000, a safety deposit box key and a pricey statue.

The 37-year-old homeowner between 18th and 19th avenues said the thief entered after forcing open a side door sometime after 9:15 am.

Frozen out

How do you beat the heat this summer? With a stolen freezer!

Workers at Quality Frozen Foods on 62nd Street between 16th and 17th avenues said that the store's refrigeration system was swiped between June and Aug. 5, when someone finally noticed it was missing.

Surprise guest

A thief broke into a car on 20th Avenue — right in front of the car's owner.

The 40-year-old motorist told police that he left his car outside a shop between 86th Street and Benson Avenue at 6:30 am and ran inside to buy something.

When he came out, he found the thief rummaging through his car.

Caught in the act, the thief ran to an awaiting vehicle and drove away.

Tire swipes

Two cars were left on their rotors last week. Here's the rundown:

A 2010 Honda Accord parked on Bay Ridge Avenue overnight on Aug. 3 lost all four tires and rims. The owner said he'd parked between 16th and 17th avenues.

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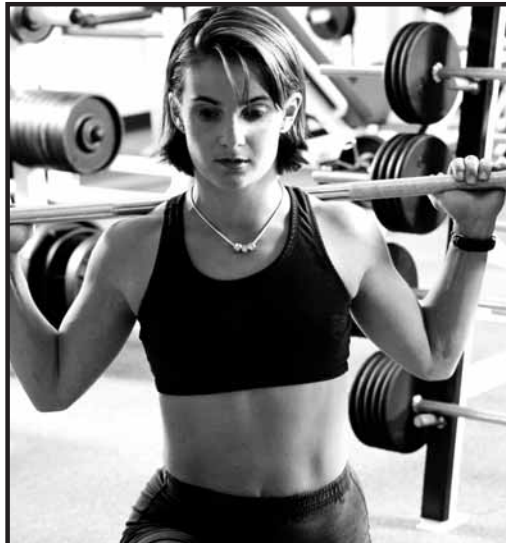
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About half of city fifth graders, like the boys in this generic stock image, failed the city's reading test this year.

Standardized tests

Are they part of the solution —
or a big part of the problem?

By Michèle De Meglio
The Brooklyn Paper

The state Education Department raised the standards for this year's standardized exams, resulting in nearly half of Brooklyn's fifth-graders failing the reading test — and angering parents who say they question the validity of the results.

But the conflict over the big drop in scores is just the surface fight over a much larger issue: are tests a good way to measure student achievement in the first place?

Education officials insist that test scores are an accurate depiction of how well students have mastered the curriculum, but Brooklyn's education experts say the exams don't indicate whether kids have truly learned anything.

"Standardized testing is not a good way to judge student performance," said David Bloomfield, who is on leave as the head of Brooklyn College's education program. "If a child has gone through a lot of test prep, the learning probably isn't deep

or lasting."

That's not so, said James Liebman, the Education Department's former chief accountability officer.

"There's all sorts of things you can learn about whether the education you are providing the child is working," he said. "Test scores are a snapshot of where a child is."

That information is used by teachers to tailor instruction to children's abilities, according to the Education Department.

"Educators would tell you that knowing what your students have learned and where they have weaknesses is fundamental to teaching and learning," added agency spokesman Matt Mittenhal.

Teachers can also compare the results from one year to the next to determine if students' understanding of academic subjects has improved or not, Liebman said. Teachers can then focus subsequent classes on materials not fully understood by students, he said.

But there are questions about the validity of that "snapshot" now that the state raised the standards for students to pass math and English Language Arts exams. As a result of the changes, which require students to answer more questions correctly, Brooklyn's school districts recorded more than 100-percent decreases in the percentage of fifth-graders passing the exams.

"Scores are so much lower than the last few years," noted James Dandridge, who has two children at PS 66 on East 96th Street in Canarsie, where the percentage of fifth-graders failing the reading exam jumped from 20 percent in 2009 to 63 percent this year. "Which ones are correct? What are you supposed to believe?"

On top of that, unrelenting test prep interferes with regular instruction, according to a retired educator.

"For math, I felt it was important to teach certain

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subjects like fractions, but if there's only one question about fractions on the test, [my supervisors] felt it wasn't important enough to focus on," recalled Melvin Band, who taught for 32 years at PS 206 on Gravesend Neck Road in Sheepshead Bay, which recorded an increase from nine percent of fifth-graders failing the exams in 2009 to 27 percent failing this year. "I felt like I was cheating the kids."

Skipping such informative lessons in favor of test prep, which consists of leading students through previous years' exams, is all the rage, parents say. The pressure to pass standardized tests is on, namely because test scores determine whether or not students will be promoted to the next grade (students who fail have subsequent promotion opportunities, such as teacher evaluation of their classwork).

When students fail standardized exams, schools pay the price. Test results determine school report card grades, which determine which schools will be closed, which then leads to teachers losing their positions.

To avoid these results, some teachers are willing to submit to the "teach to the test" mindset, Band said. "There are teachers who would say 'OK, you don't care about the kids, so I won't care about the kids,'" he said. In such an environment, it's the students who suffer and become uninterested in learning, Band said.

"When I was teaching, I wanted to have discussions about books we read and relate them to students' own lives, but I had to make students answer multiple choice questions about the stories instead," Band said. "When everything you do is related to testing, kids get turned off to reading, and they get turned off to education."



Collegetown, USA

Downtown is the city's most unexpected cap & gown zone

By Roxanna Asgarian
for The Brooklyn Paper

Every day, people crowd the dense streets of Downtown, a lively area that encompasses large businesses, city government offices, public buildings and local shops. But within the city's third largest business district lies a surprisingly vast student life.

Downtown is home to eight colleges with a total of about 57,000 students, which put the area's collective student population at similar levels to the largest public universities in the country — with more students than in Cambridge, Mass.

But unlike big state schools that boast large numbers within the confines of a separate, immense college campus, the colleges of the downtown area blend in seamlessly with the businesses and public buildings that surround them.

Many of these students commute, said Borough President Markowitz, stressing the importance of continually redeveloping the area to help the college community, and sense of campus life, grow.

"The public and private development already underway and planned in Downtown are essential to the process of branding Brooklyn as a truly world-class college town," Markowitz said.

Here's a quick, illuminating look at the schools of higher education in and around Downtown that make the area not only a bustling economic center but also a vibrant educational core of the city.

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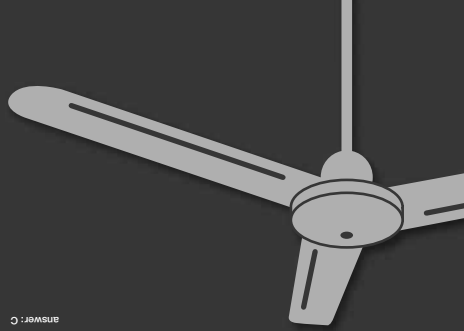


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ANSWER: C

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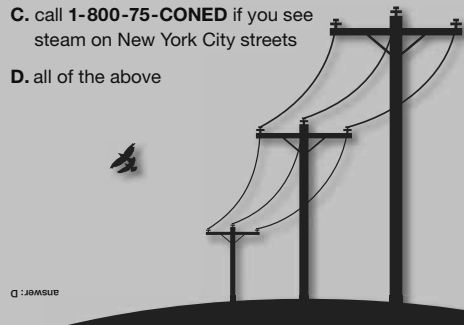
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- B. traditional ovens use less than half the power of microwaves



ANSWER: A

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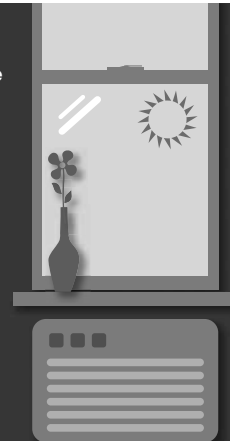
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- D. all of the above



ANSWER: D

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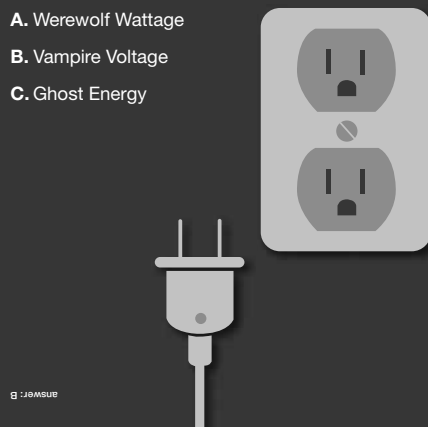
- A. open windows and turn off A/C when it's 70° or cooler outside
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ANSWER: A

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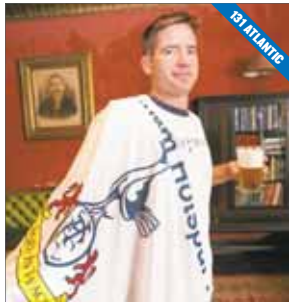
ANSWER: D



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August 13-19, 2010



Club houses: (Left to right) Floyd owner, Sean Neill, will be backing Tottenham Hotspur. Chris Sell, owner of Chip Shop, fits a glass of Guinness for the lads on Arsenal. Jason Furlani, owner of Roebeling Inn, shows his colors for his team: Liverpool.

Fever pitch

Atlantic Ave the place to be for British soccer 'action'

By Meredith Deliso
The Brooklyn Paper

Get those red cards ready! On one small stretch in Brooklyn Heights, there's not one, not two, but three soccer bars, merely doors apart, that all hold an allegiance to different British football clubs — or, as we like to say here across the pond, soccer teams.

"It wasn't an intentional thing to have a strip of soccer bars right there, but it's pretty cool," said Jason Furlani, owner of the Roebeling Inn, one of the avenue's newer bars that will be showing games once the Premier League kicks off on Aug. 14. "I don't really see that anywhere else."

Most Americans only tune into soccer every four years for the World Cup, but Furlani's been following British soccer for years — ever since a Liverpool pal got him into the team.

So with the season starting, it seemed like a no-brainer to show the games at his bar, especially since Atlantic Avenue favorites Chip Shop and Floyd have been giving Brooklyn's British soccer fans — and even some from West Brooklyn, too — a homebase for the past few years.

"We've always shown the games, but it's getting bigger," said Chip Shop owner Chris Sell. "We've added a bunch of TVs two years ago, and even replaced the ones we had with larger screens."

The restaurant is an official supporter of the Arsenal Football Club, based out of North London. When the games are on, you can enjoy some beer specials, as well as an English breakfast, which, given the early nature of these games here because of the time difference, is a big hit, said Sell.

"We're the family venue," he said. "It's a safe environment where fathers can bring their sons in for games. You're not going to hear drunken Liverpool supporters."

That you can leave to the Roebeling Inn, which is an official supporter of the Liverpool Club. Liverpool's first game is against Chip Shop's Arsenal on Aug. 15,

SPORTS

Roebeling Inn (97 Atlantic Ave. between Henry and Hicks streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 488-0048); Chip Shop (129 Atlantic Ave. between Henry and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 855-7775); and Floyd (131 Atlantic Ave. between Henry and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 858-5810).

and, given the two team's long-seated rivalry, is going to be big. Just don't expect as much drama between the two bars. "I like the people at Chip Shop," said Furlani. "I don't predict any animosity."

Floyd owner Sean Neill also speaks highly of his neighbors.

"We import a lot of English tradition,

but not any kind of hooliganism," said Neill, whose bar is known primarily for its indoor bocce ball courts but also for its devotion to the Spurs — not the basketball team, but the London-based Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. "I convinced Spurs supporters to locate to Floyd a year after we opened, around 2004," he said.

Testament to that, signed shirts, photographs and flags all belonging to the North London team can be found throughout the bar.

"Spurs fans in the UK send us things or bring them on a visit all the time," said Neill. "We seem to be well-known across the water."

Tottenham's first game is on Aug. 14 against Manchester City, though you'll want to mark your calendars for Nov. 21,

when the Spurs play their most bitter rival: Chip Shop's Arsenal (man, this team gets around!).

"The Spurs-Arsenal animosity is one of the strongest in the Premier League. They hate each other deeply," said Neill. "To Spurs fans, that's the most important game of the year."

Indeed, last year's game against the two rivals drew out over 100 fans — a good mix of Americans and expats — to Floyd to watch the game. And when the Spurs won, they partied all day long, singing and shouting.

"There's a lot of chanting, some of it pretty foul," said Neill. "It's not a good time for children to be in the bar."

For that, it's only a few feet to the tamer Chip Shop.

GOONERS, YIDS AND SPURS — YOUR GUIDE TO BRIT SOCCER: Don't know which British soccer team to root for? Here's a quick primer for the official clubs of Roebeling Inn, Chip Shop and Floyd — Liverpool, Arsenal and Tottenham, respectively — so you can figure out which scarf to buy, and where to watch the games, once the season kicks off on Friday.

TEAM	LIVERPOOL	ARSENAL	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
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Fun fact	Tied with Manchester United as the most successful team in the history of English football with 18 league titles, though hasn't won since 1990.	Won 13 Premier League titles; holds the record for the longest uninterrupted period in the English top flight and is the only side to have completed a Premier League season unbeaten.	Won a trophy in each of the last six decades — an achievement only matched by Manchester United
Chant	"And it's Liverpool/Liverpool F.C./We're by far the greatest team/The world has ever seen."	"Arsenal till I die/I'm Arsenal till I die/I know I am/I'm sure I am/I'm Arsenal till I die."	"Oh when the Spurs/Go marching in/Oh when the Spurs go marching in/I wanna be in that number/When the Spurs go marching in."

MUSIC

Cult classic

Twelve years after calling it quits, The Mommyheads are back at it, pulling from their six-album canon and rocking out like it's 1992. The 1980s and '90s saw the mellow rock band rise on indie labels, and, after years of critical success and stellar live shows, sign to Geffen (ooh, big time) in 1997. But, one album and one year later, they were dropped.

After briefly reuniting to play a series of memorial shows for its deceased drummer, they went back to their day jobs as computer programmers and composers for commercials, thinking they were really done this time.

But Sweden just wouldn't stop calling. "They were like, 'We're going to make sure you get back together and come here,'" said singer Adam Elk, whose band is inexplicably huge over there. "It was like getting the guys out of the old-age home — let's get the band back together!"

Elk has even gotten back into writing, revisiting 1970s prog rock for some inspiration, and the foursome will be at Park Slope's Rock Shop on Aug. 19. Expect some new songs, plus the group's tight musicianship and XTC-like layered sound.

These Mommyheads aren't cutting the cord again anytime soon.

The Mommyheads at Rock Shop (249 Fourth Ave. between President and Carroll streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740), Aug. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$8. For info, visit www.therockshopny.com. — Meredith Deliso

THEATER

'Dream' on

There was Shakespeare in the Park this summer. Now there's Calderón in the Park.

Festival of Fools got tired of the prevalence of the Bard in outdoor productions, so this month, the Park Slope-based company is putting on Pedro Calderón de la Barca's best-known play, "Life is a Dream," for two weeks ends at the Prospect Park pagoda.

"I love classical verse, it's a pity that it isn't being explored anymore," said Artistic Director Tim Bangerth. "My whole goal is to produce new Neo-Classical theater for a modern audience in a modern vernacular."

This 400-year-old play isn't quite so modern, but it's a treat — think "Inception," but set in the 17th century and without special effects. The story follows Segismund, a prince of Poland who is imprisoned after living up to a prophecy that predicted that he would rule with tyranny. After being banished, he has trouble determining what's real and what's just in his dreams.

Plus, there are epic sword battles.

"Life is a Dream" at the Prospect Park Pagoda (enter park at Empire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, no phone), Aug. 14-15, 22 and 28 at 2 p.m. Free. For info, visit www.festivaloffools.com. — Meredith Deliso

DINING

Wicked yo

Jeepers, creepers! Wicked Spoon, Park Slope's new frozen yogurt joint, is offering fro-yo lovers more than just cherries and chocolate sauce on top — like chocolate-covered crickets or wasabi peas.

And, you know what? It's not just a gimmick. The crickets add a nice crunch (you mostly taste the chocolate anyway) and the spicy peas are a nice way to undercut the sweetness and creaminess of owner Alex Rozhitsky's high-quality treats.

Of course, for the traditionalists, there's also more-conventional toppings such as banana flambé sauce or Jacques Torres chocolate-covered cherries.

Rozhitsky has big plans for the store, including introducing a new topping every month — August is chocolate-covered bacon — and opening two more stores within the next year. Also on the horizon is an iPhone app.

There may yet be more bugs, too. "Crickets could be just the beginning," said Rozhitsky. Wicked Spoon (321 Ninth St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (646) 335-2890). — Kristen V. Brown

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SATURDAY
August 14

Sketchy situation

Be a student of Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School, which jizzes up figure drawing by using cabaret models. For this week's class, two models will be dressed like Warhol superstars, with one taking inspiration from Bianca Jagger's entrance into Studio 54 on a white horse, and another channeling Edie Sedgwick.

2 pm. Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School at the Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Ave.) Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000. Aug. 14, 2-4 pm. \$15. Registration is required. For info, visit www.brooklynmuseum.org.

SUNDAY
August 15

This is not Sparta!

Wield spears, sling mud, and race as a Spartan at Floyd Bennett Field. The Spartan Race — think "American Gladiator" meets Navy SEAL training — is a 5K run based upon the type of fitness training Spartan warriors underwent in ancient Greece. For those not brave enough to enter, there will be live entertainment, BBQ, and games all day.

8 am. Spartan Race at Floyd Bennett Field (Flatbush Avenue and Avenue Road) in Marine Park, (718) 758-7556. \$70, free to watch. For info, visit www.spartanrace.com.

9 pm. Burley "Cue Revue at Fatty" 'Cue [915, Sixth St. between Bery Street and Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-3090]. \$65. To reserve a spot, e-mail events@fatycue.com.

MONDAY
August 16

Boobs and BBQ

Satisfy all your stomach's (and other organs') desires at the first annual Burley "Cue Revue. Williamsburg's Fatty "Cue — an Asian-fusion BBQ joint — is hosting this 10-course meal and two-hour burlesque show. Finally, there's flesh on the plate and flesh on the stage. It's our pig- and nudity-loving editor's dream night!

9 pm. Burley "Cue Revue at Fatty" 'Cue [915, Sixth St. between Bery Street and Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-3090]. \$65. To reserve a spot, e-mail events@fatycue.com.

WEDNESDAY
August 18

Taste o' Brooklyn

Join author Sherry Eisenberg for free tastings at some of Fort Greene's finest eateries. The award-winning travel writer, who recently penned "The Food Lover's Guide to Brooklyn," will show off the cuisine of several local restaurants, among them are No. 7, Cake Man Raven, and the Habana Outpost.

7:30 pm. Foods of Brooklyn at the Greenlight Bookstore (68 Fulton St. between 5. Portland Ave. and 5. Elk Pt. in Williamsburg, (718) 246-0200). Free. For info, visit www.abooksofbrooklyn.blogspot.com.

THURSDAY
August 19

Bombs away!

The B-52s, the fabulous foursome behind the iconic pop songs "Love Shack" and "Rock Lobster," will turn Asser Levy Seaside Park into a dance party. With their out-of-this-world, lo-fi sound, nonsensical lyrics, and quirky, B-movie style, the B-52s are the least likely pop stars. But here they are, 25 years and 20 million albums later.

7:30 pm. B-52s at Asser Levy Seaside Park (W. Fifth Street and Surf Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 222-6000). For info, visit www.brooklynconcerts.com.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, AUG. 13

GREENPOINT FLEA MARKET: noon-8 pm. Greenpoint Reformed Church (138 Milton St. between Manhattan Avenue and Franklin Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-5941).

READING, "CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF METALS": Story-telling with Rep. Edolphus Towns. (1 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum (145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400). www.brooklynkids.org.

MUSIC, MIDGE: 7 pm. Barbes (376 Ninth St. between Avenue A and Avenue B in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177). www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

COMEDY NIGHT: Hosted by Nick Turner (College Humor) and Jason Saeed (DC Comedy Festival). Free. 8 pm. Cocola (66 Greenpoint Ave. between Franklin and West streets in Greenpoint, (718) 807-6045). www.cocola.com.

MUSIC, PATSY GRANT: Part of the "Jazz in the Garden" series. \$15. 8 pm and 9:30 pm. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture (53 Prospect Park West at Second Street in Park Slope, (718) 768-2972). www.bsce.org.

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: With David Hesterman, piano. \$25. \$50 for seniors, \$10 for students. 8 pm. BargeMusic (Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083). www.bargemusic.org.

THEATER, "DEVILS": Based on the play by John Whiting. \$18. 8 pm. Brick Theater (575 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189). www.bricktheater.com.

MUSIC, OLIVE TIME HARMONY SINGING WORKSHOP WITH EVIE LADIN: 5 pm. 8 pm. Jalopy (315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189). www.jalopy.biz.

MUSIC, BANDA SINALCENSE DE LOS MUERTOS: 8 pm. Barbes (376 Ninth St. between Avenue A and Avenue B in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177). www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, DOUG HATT & FRIENDS: \$10. 7 pm. Jalopy (315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189). www.jalopy.biz.

FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS: Spectacular fireworks display directly over the Boardwalk. Free. 9:30 pm. Coney Island Boardwalk (Boardwalk & W. 10th Street in Coney Island, (212) NEW-YORK).

MUSIC, HOWARD FISHERMAN: Draws from folk and jazz sources. 10 pm. Barbes (376 Ninth St. between Avenue A and Avenue B in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177). www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

SAT, AUG. 14

OUTDOORS AND TOURS
GREEN MARKET: Healthful, delicious products ranging from produce to

The "Greatest": Muhammad Ali (best looking guy in the shot) campaigns for mayoral candidate Percy Sutton in this rare 1977 photo, currently on display at the Skylight Gallery.

seafood to honey. Free. 8 am-3 pm. Walgreens (3408 Third Ave. at 14th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-1673).

HEALTH, BROOKLYN ROAD RUNNERS CLUB: Group runs for intermediate and advanced runners. Free. 9 am. Barbes (376 Ninth St. between Avenue A and Avenue B in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177). www.brooklynroadrunners.org.

PERFORMANCE
THEATER, "SPACEMEN FROM SPACE": Based on the B-picture series of the 1950s and '60s. \$18. 2 pm. Brick Theater (575 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189). www.bricktheater.com.

MUSIC, CLAVHAMMER BANDO WORKSHOP WITH EVIE LADIN: \$20. 2 pm. Jalopy (315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189). www.jalopy.biz.

THEATER, "LIFE IS A DREAM": A Festival of Fools performs Pedro Calderon de la Barca's best-known play. Free. 2 pm. Prospect Park Music (Prospect Park, www.prospectparkmusic.org).

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: With Amernet Quartet. \$35. \$30 for seniors, \$15 for students. 8 pm. BargeMusic (Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083). www.bargemusic.org.

THEATER, "DEVILS": 8 pm. See Friday, Aug. 13.

MUSIC, SWEET SOUBRETTE: Plays the ukulele and sings about love with wit, depth, and charm. \$10. 9 pm. Jalopy (315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189). www.jalopy.biz.

SALES AND MARKETS
PARK SLOPE GREENMARKET: Brooklyn's answer to Union Square. 9 am-4 pm. Gatzert Alley Plaza (Union Street at Flatbush Avenue in Park Slope, (212) 788-7900). www.parkslopegreenmarket.com.

PS 321 FLEA MARKET: Free. 9 am-5 pm. PS 321 schoolyard (Seventh Avenue and First Street in Park Slope). www.parkslopegreenmarket.com.

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: Free. Noon-8 pm. Artists and Fleas (129 N. Sixth St. between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 246-0200). www.artistsandfleas.com.

SWEETHEART PET PAGEANT: Open to all pets. \$10. 11 am. Coney Island USA Sidewalks by the Seashore (1208 Surf Ave. between Stillwell Avenue and West 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159).

WORKSHOP, CREATIVE ART MAKING: Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School leads a live drawing session using cabaret models as the subjects. 4-6 pm. Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000). www.brooklynmuseum.org.

THEATER, "HAMLET — THE LOST EDITION": 7 pm. Genesis (The Block Institute (376 Bay 44th St. (347) 492-0534). www.genesis-repertory.org.

SUN, AUG. 15

OUTDOORS AND TOURS
HEALTH, BROOKLYN ROAD RUNNERS CLUB: 9 am. See Saturday,

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SUNDAY BEST: DJ dance party. \$12. 50 before 4 pm with rsvp. 3-9 pm. Fireproof (119 Bushwick St. at Varick Avenue in Bushwick). www.sundaybestnyc.com.

TOUR, BROOKLYN BREWS: Take a hike through Bushwick and discover Brooklyn brewers row. Free. 11 am. Meet at corner of Bushwick and Montrose Avenue in Bushwick, (718) 421-2031. www.brooklynbrews.com.

PACKWALK WITH YOUR POOCH: Learn walking tips from a nationally certified dog trainer. \$45. Noon. Cheeky Dog Doggie Daycare (149 Plymouth St. between Pearl and Jay streets in DUMBO, (718) 222-9270). www.cheekydog.net/cheekydog/training.html.

TOUR, TALES OF GREEN WOOD: Ruth Edickhaus leads tour. \$15. 1-3:30 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery (Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 768-7000). www.green-wood.com.

PERFORMANCE
MUSIC, ENVIRONMENTAL MOBILE: Public tours of the Mobile Museum with fun waterfront recreation activities. 1-5 pm. IEA/Erie Basin Park (One Board St. at Oregon Street in Red Hook, (347) 224-5828). www.environmentalmobile.blogspot.com.

MUSIC, ENVIRONMENTAL MOBILE SUMMER EAST FEST: Waterfront recreation, maritime cultural enrichment and live music. Free. 1 pm. IEA/Erie Basin Park (One Board Street in Red Hook). www.iea.com/usedtogetusedtoactivities.

THEATER, "DEVILS": 2 pm. See Friday, Aug. 13.

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: With Ensemble Tomasco. \$40. \$35 for seniors. \$15 for students. 8 pm. BargeMusic (Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083). www.bargemusic.org.

THEATER, "SPACEMEN FROM SPACE": 7 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 14.

MUSIC, KORAN HASANAGIC AND SPECIAL GUEST AURORA NEALAND: Traditional Djanga repertoire along with original interpretations of standards. 7 pm. Barbes (376 Ninth St. between Avenue A and Avenue B in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177). www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

SALES AND MARKETS
PS 321 FLEA MARKET: 9 am-5 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 14.

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: Noon-8 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 14.

FARMERS MARKET: Free. 11 am-5 pm. J.J. Byrne Park (Fifth Avenue and Fourth Street in Park Slope). See 9 DAYS on page 10.

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Cutting the mustard

Greenpoint woman makes her own

By Alex Rush
for The Brooklyn Paper

Anna Wolf makes mustard, but relish is really what she's doing right now.

In her first few weeks of launching her condiment business, My Friend's Mustard, she's already made distribution deals with a slew of area restaurants and shops, including the famed Marlow and Daughters on Broadway in Williamsburg.

When you get your product into an institution like that, there's no other way to say it: You're really cutting the mustard.

"Her products are thought out really well," said Andrew Dorsey, the Marlow and Daughters' butcher who can't wait to pair his kielbasa and bratwursts with Wolf's grainy spread.

Wolf honed her craft at a closet-sized kitchen in the back of a bar on Nassau Avenue in Greenpoint. Her space is small, but it complies with the city's strict rules. She churns out several mustard batches at a time in two beer-based varieties: pickled jalapeño with Sixpoint Bengal Tiger and a spicy brown with Sixpoint Brownstone Ale.

Her mustard-making method is pretty old-school, as the time-consuming process dates back to ninth-century France. Making a batch takes about 10 days, from first soaking the mustard seeds to the jarring finale. But Wolf said that she doesn't mind putting in all the effort.

"Better-quality mustard just takes longer to produce," said Wolf, who quit a torturous job at an ad agency last year to be-



Spicy: Anna Wolf is the "friend" behind My Friend's Mustard.

come the queen of Kings mustard. "And I just loved playing around in the kitchen."

Just loving "playing around" is pretty much how Wolf came up with her recipes for this condiment, made from the seeds of mustard plants, water, vinegar, various spices and the know-how that Wolf, a self-described "beer nerd" decided to use.

How good is it? The Brooklyn Paper brought both of Wolf's varieties into the test kitchen near our editor's desk and put her condiment through the toughest test imaginable: standing up to Noah Bermanoff's smoked meat from Mile End on Hoyt Street.

A schmear of the pickled jalapeño couldn't hold its own, but the spicy brown perfectly complemented the pastrami. That blend has heat, smokiness and sweet, molasses-like undertones.

Even Bermanoff agreed with our supposedly unschooled palates. "I definitely like the spicy brown better," he said. "The coarser texture works better. It tastes of cinnamon and cloves."

Bakers' pride

Latest pros are actually amateurs

By Kristen V. Brown
for The Brooklyn Paper

In Brooklyn, D.I.Y. is increasingly becoming L.L.C. Thanks to a growing appreciation for local, handcrafted edibles—and a desire to know where one's food comes from—more and more Brooklyn bakers have turned their delectable hobbies into something profitable.

Call them the "professional amateurs."

"I'm not a pastry chef, and I'm not a confectioner," said Jennifer Taylor-Miller, who works in children's media by day and dabbles in the science of cookies by night under the name Fatty Cakes. "I don't have any professional experience. It's just really fun figuring out what's going to explode in the oven and what's not."

Taylor first realized there might be a market for her goodies when co-workers started gobbling up her outlandish Movie Theatre cookies—filled with chocolate chips, buttered popcorn and Swedish Fish—at work.

"People were like, 'You should sell these.' So I thought, why not?" said Taylor-Miller. So she started selling on Etsy.com and doing occasional corporate catering. These days, you'll find her at the Red Hook Mercado.

Like Taylor-Miller, many aspiring culinary craftsmen have found it possible to take a detour from their day jobs and try their luck in the kitchen, working either out of rent-a-kitchens or friends' com-



Let them eat cupcakes: Roopa Kalyanaram runs her Raspberry Bakeshop—with its delicious made-to-order cupcakes—out of her Wyckoff Street home.

mercial kitchens.

Alison Kave, the pie crust vixen behind the increasingly popular First Prize Pies, first realized her pies were something special when her ginger bourbon pecan took first prize at a bake-off last fall. She still works a day job in art, though probably not for long. Her confections are already on the menu at Fatty Cue (where her brother is execu-

tive chef) and the Hester Street Market in Manhattan.

"Five years ago, if I would have tried to do this, I don't think it would have taken off," said Kave. "There's really an increased awareness and increased interest in buying local, high-quality food. If you're going to do it, right now is the time."

More than a few have managed to roll their toothsome hobbies into full-fledged careers—in the past few months alone amateur success has spawned cupcakery Cupcake-land in Williamsburg, newbie bakery Margo in Williamsburg and the wildly successful Four & Twenty Blackbirds in Gowanus, which started off merely as a custom pie operation run out of sisters Emily and Melissa Ellen's apartment in Crown Heights.

Then again, not everyone has designs to turn pro.

"I have a full-time job that I love, so I'm not trying to be at every event in Brooklyn," said Roopa Kalyanaram, the cupcake mastermind behind Raspberry Bakeshop. "But it occurred to me, that if I'm making a cake for a friend of a friend's birthday party, why shouldn't I get paid for it?"

Kalyanaram's cupcakes are a hit for their unique flavors—combinations like cardamom, pistachio and rosewater are ones you don't typically find in American dessert.

"I'm just having fun," said Kalyanaram. "But who knows where this will go?"

Look out Brooklyn bakers—the amateurs are on the rise.



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Slope eatery closes unexpectedly—plus more dining gossip

It's been a blistering hot two weeks—thankfully, Brooklyn has a whole new crop of great new (air conditioned) bars and restaurants to take the edge off. Here's the latest openings, closings, and of course, some gossip:

• **Closings:** The last few weeks we lost a few dear

friends. We're sad to report that Park Slope's Bussaco has shuttered, along with the Williamsburg's famous Relish Diner, Café Ribaut in Cobble Hill and Maria's Italian Bistrot in Park Slope.

• **The Wait is Over:** We'll forgive this place for being a tease—after several

months of constantly shifting opening dates, Fulton

Bar is finally open in Clinton Hill. It's hard to stay mad at any place with a great happy hour.

• **Park Slope** now boasts a healthy take on Chinese take-out (and Fourth Ave now boasts any at all). The

folks at A.O.C. Bistro have opened Michael & Pings on Third Avenue and Eighth Street.

• **Brooklyn takes all:** Here's a point for Brooklyn in the borough

battle: Williamsburg's favorite Japanese brasserie Zenkichi has scratched plans for a Manhattan expansion in favor of opening Akariba, a new sake and oyster bar, next door to Zenkichi on N. Sixth Street.

• **Vino Cravings:** Come Sept. 15, the folks at Carroll Gardens catering spot Crave plan to open a wine bar in their Henry Street local. In other wine news, after six months of waiting on a liquor license, Fort Greene's

Mauzac has finally opened. True to its name, the wine bar carries a variety of wine made with Mauzac grapes.

• **Makeovers:** Beloved South Slope dive bar Roy-

ale has gotten a makeover—complete with new décor, a new moniker (Fifth Estate) and a stage for live music. Bettey yet, happy hour is now two-for-one.

• **More Cupcakes for Brooklyn:** We hear that Crumbs, the popular chain cupcake spot, will finally make its Brooklyn Heights debut on Aug. 11. Finally, an-

other cupcake spot!

• **Expansions:** Lobster lovers rejoice! The Red Hook Lobster Pound plans to expand its Red Hook storefront with the addition of 40 extra seats—certainly a step up from the two benches the store sports now.

• **Brunch:** Last weekend, Lorelei Williamsburg unveiled a weekend brunch, complete with German pancakes and sausage aplenty. Good thing there's no such thing as too much brunch.

• **More Italian:** Italian food seems on the rise: this past fortnight Broken English, an Italian spot in Cobble Hill, joined a smattering of new Italian eatery openings over the past few months.

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MON. AUG. 16

WORKSHOP LEARN HOW TO WRITE A HORROR SCREENPLAY: 7-10 pm, 3rd Ward (573 Metropolitan Ave. between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue in Williamsburg, 718-715-4861). www.3rdward.com/creative-screenwriting-the-horror-movie.html.

MUSIC, IAN RIGGS: 7 pm. Barbes (376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, 718-965-9177). www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, CLINIC POP: 8:30 pm. The Bell House (149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, 718-643-6510). www.thebellhouse.com.

MUSIC, WILL SCOTT, VICTORIA CALEB HAWLEY, REBECCA PRONSKY: Free, 7:30 pm. Union Hall (702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, 718-638-4403). www.union-hall.org.

MUSIC, JAZZ AND MORE: Featuring Zack Foley, lead vocals, Terence McManus, guitar. \$20 (\$10 for students), 8 pm. Bargemus: Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Turnam Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083. www.bargemus.org.

MUSIC, SPANGLISH FLY: Monday night residence. \$10 suggested donation. 9 pm. Barbes (376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, 718-965-9177). www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

TUES. AUG. 17

TALK, REAL ESTATE BROOKLYN STYLE: Workshop about buying, selling, renting or renovating a home in Brooklyn Heights. Free, 8 am. 26 Remsen St. in Brooklyn Heights, (977) 622-3879. www.brennan-realestateservices.com.

WORKSHOP, SCRABBLE: Improve your scores with each game. Free, 11 am. Windsor Terrace Library (160 East Fifth Street in Windsor Terrace, 718-686-2977). www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

DANCING UNDER THE STARS: Programming for kids and adults. 4-9 pm. Washington Park (Fifth Avenue at Third Street in Park Slope, 718) 369-0300. www.parksideinbrooklyn.org.

TOUR, BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK: Learn the history of the site, the process that led to its creation, the

features of its landscape and the innovative sustainable elements that make this truly a green park. 6 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park (2 Old Fulton St. Pier 1 in Brooklyn Heights), www.brooklynbridgepark.org.

THEATER, "SPACEMEN FROM SPACE": 3 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 14.

MUSIC, CYNTHIA HOPKINS: Enchanting solo sets of songs. 9 pm. Peter's Candy Shop (709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, 718) 922-3770. www.petescandyshop.com.

MUSIC, PUPPETS JAZZ COLLECTIVE JAM SESSION: 35 musicians, \$10 non-musicians. 10:30 pm-1 am. Puppet's Jazz Bar (461 Fifth Ave. at 11th Street in Park Slope, 718) 499-2622. www.puppetsjazz.com.

WED. AUG. 18

TOUR, GREEN WOOD CEMETERY BY TROLLEY: Reservations are not required, but recommended. \$15. 1 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery (Fifth Avenue and Ninth Street in Sunset Park, 718) 768-7200. www.green-wood.org.

GOLF OPEN HOUSE: Free. 2-7 pm. Coney Island Golf Club (1030 86th St. at 11th Avenue in Dyker Heights, 718) 836-9722. www.nygcvents.american-golf.com.

ART OPENING, "THIS IS ME - LIFE REFLECTED THROUGH ART": Group show. Free. 5-7 pm. Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, 718) 638-5000. www.brooklynmuseum.org.

WORKSHOP, KNITTING: All skill levels invited. Free. 6 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch and market small business. Free. 5-7 pm. Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, 718) 638-5000. www.brooklynmuseum.org.

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FARMER'S MARKET: Free. 8 am-5 pm. Lutheran Health Center (150 55th Street in Sunset Park, 718) 635-7155.

HEALTH MEET OBSTETRICS AND INFERTILITY SPECIALIST: Sponsored by Preferred Health Partners. Free. Noon. Preferred Health Partners (1000 Church Ave. in Kensington, 866) 791-0993. www.brooklyndocs.com.

MUSIC, PAUL SHAPIRO'S RIBS AND BRISKET REVUE: Music of the 1930s and 1940s. Free. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch (Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, 718) 230-2100.

MUSIC, SESAME FLYERS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH STEEL ORCHESTRA: Free. 6:30-7:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum (145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, 718) 735-4400. www.brooklynkids.org.

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: The Game Drop Ensemble. Free. 7 pm. Cobble Hill Park (Congress Street and Verandah Place in Cobble Hill).

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SPORTS, SPARTAN RACE: Quirky triathlon and fierce competition as participants take on challenges such as wall climbing, mud crawls and spear throwing in the 5K course, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Floyd Bennett Field (Flatbush Avenue and Aviation Road in Marine Park). www.spartanrace.com.

MON. AUG. 16

WORKSHOP LEARN HOW TO WRITE A HORROR MOVIE SCREENPLAY: 7-10 p.m. 3rd Ward (573 Metropolitan Ave. between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue in Williamsburg). 718-715-4841. www.3rdward.com/creative-screenwriting-the-horror-movie.html.

MUSIC, IAN RIGGS: 7 p.m. Barbes (376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope). 718-965-9177. www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, CLIVE POP: 8 p.m. 730 p.m. The Bell House (149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus). 718-643-6510. www.thebellhouse.com.

MUSIC, WILL SCOTT, VICTOR BORGES CALEB HAWLEY, REBECCA PRONSKY: Free. 7:30 p.m. Union Hall (702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope). 718-638-4401. www.unionhall.com.

MUSIC, JAZZ AND MORE: Featuring Zack Foley, lead vocals, Terrence McManus, guitar. \$20 (\$10 for students). 8 p.m. Bargemus: Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO. 718-624-2083. www.bargemus.org.

MUSIC, SPANGLISH FLY: Monday night residence. \$10 suggested donation. 9 p.m. Barbes (376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope). 718-965-9177. www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

TUES. AUG. 17

TALK, REAL ESTATE BROOKLYN STYLE: Workshop about buying, selling, renting or renovating a home in Brownstone Brooklyn. Free. 8 a.m. 26 Remsen St. in Brooklyn Heights. 977.622-3879. www.brennan-realestateservices.com.

WORKSHOP, SCRABBLE: Improve your scores with each game. Free. 11 a.m. Windsor Terrace Library (160 East Fifth Street in Windsor Terrace). 718-686-2927. www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

DANCING UNDER THE STARS: Programming for kids and adults. 6-9 p.m. Washington Park (Fifth Avenue at Third Street in Park Slope). 718-369-0300. www.parkdanceschool.com.

OUR BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK: Learn the history of the site, the process that led to its creation, the

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THEATER, "SPACEMEN FROM SPACE": 3 p.m. See Saturday, Aug. 14.

MUSIC, CYNTHIA HOPKINS: Enchanting solo sets of songs. 9 p.m. Peter's Candy Store (709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg). 718-962-3707. www.petescandy.com.

MUSIC, PUPPETS JAZZ COLLECTIVE JAM SESSION: 35 musicians. \$10 non-musicians. 10:30 p.m. 1 p.m. Puppet's Jazz Bar (461 Fifth Ave. at 11th Street in Park Slope). 718-499-2622. www.puppetsjazz.com.

WED. AUG. 18

TOUR, GREEN WOOD CEMETERY BY TROLLEY: Reservations are not required, but recommended. \$15. 1 p.m. Green-Wood Cemetery (Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park). 718-768-7000. www.green-wood.org.

GOLF OPEN HOUSE: Free. 2-7 p.m. Oyster Beach Golf Club (1030 86th St. between 10th and 11th avenues in Dyker Heights). 718-836-9722. www.nygcvents.american-golf.com.

ART OPENING, "THIS IS ME - LIFE REFLECTED THROUGH ART": Group show. Free. 5-7 p.m. Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights). 718-638-5000. www.brooklynmuseum.org.

WORKSHOP, KNITTING: All skill levels invited. Free. 6 p.m. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch (Flatbush Avenue at East 8th Avenue in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope). 718-230-2100.

SPORTS, BROOKLYN CYCLES VS. STATER ISLAND: \$8-\$16. 7 p.m. MCU Park (1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th St. in Coney Island). 718-449-4497. www.brooklynbicycles.com.

TALK, BUILDING STRONG SHOPPING STRIPS: National business consultant Cindy Baxter will lecture and discuss how to support and market small businesses. Free. 7 p.m. St. Francis College (180 Remsen St. between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights). 718-368-0300.

FOOD FESTIVAL: All you can eat tour including tastings from area restaurants. 7:30 p.m. Greenlight Bookstore (686 Fulton St. between South Elliott Place and South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene). 718-246-0200. aboutstoreinbrooklyn.blogspot.com.

MUSIC, ROOTS AND RUCKUS: Weekly American folk showcase. \$5. 9 p.m. Jalopy (135 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodluff Street in Columbia Street Village). 718-395-5241. www.jalopy.biz.

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SAT. AUG. 21

OUTDOORS AND TOURS GREEN MARKET: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. See Saturday, Aug. 14.

TOUR, NOSTALGIA RIDE: All-day ride on old trains and buses to and from the Rockaways. \$45. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. New York Transit Museum (Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street

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BIKE...

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drowed the Crusader Krazy. The sidewalk on Bedford Avenue and the surrounding streets is indeed filled with chained-up bikes, especially near train lines like the L at N. Seventh Street. Locking a bike on a city-provided racks is legal, but locking a bike to any other post, like a parking sign or bus stop sign, is not. And that, plus the handful of bikes that appear to be abandoned, has the Crusader railing.

"We need to clear the sidewalk for people in wheelchairs and people getting out of cars," the Crusader said, adding that the vigilante "never wanted to turn to this," but "the Yuppies... have turned this beautiful neighborhood into an eyesore. Watch out for your backs."

Naturally, bike enthusiasts aren't so enthused by the threats. Activist Baruch Herzfeld — owner of the TrailBike Gesheft shop and

the neighborhood — doesn't deny that bikes are left outside from time to time, but noted that the removal of destruction of loitering bikes is up to the Department of Sanitation.

"We can understand the frustration, but I cannot support destruction — it's never a positive thing," Herzfeld said. "How will people get their bikes off the street? This person is making the problem, and the discourse, worse. It's unfortunate."

Vandalism is a misdemeanor and punishable by fines or jail time if the offense is deemed severe by a judge. Still, the Bike Crusader claims that the vandalism is an act of enforcement, rather than vigilantism.

"The people in this community are tired of bikes crowding the sidewalks for two, three weeks at a time, the Crusader said. Baruch Herzfeld — owner of the TrailBike Gesheft shop and

KOBI...

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win."

But Kobayashi was not competing at the July 4 contest because of a contract dispute with Major League Eating, the governing body of all stomach-centric sports. At the end of the 10-minute contest, while champion Joey Chestnut was celebrating, Kobayashi rushed the stage, bowed to his fans, and then was arrested for trespassing.

Today, he still claimed that the contract, which requires him to only compete in MLE-sanctioned eating contests, unfairly binds him to the league. He reiterated outside the courthouse that he will not sign the contract. Rather, he has negotiated a deal to compete at a non-sanctioned Aug. 21 contest in Canada, though his translator, Maggie James, provided no details except that the contest would be "against people, not animals."

George Shea, the executive director of Major League Eating, would not comment on the ruling, saying only that he defers "entirely to the District Attorney, who understands these matters."

But Shea did address the central issue: Kobayashi's objection to the MLE contract,

a "reserve clause," if you will that binds these top athletes to one league.

"I don't understand his objection to this day," Shea said. "If he doesn't like the contract, then don't enter our contests. If he does not want to be part of Major League Eating, he does not have to be."

Shea said that the end of the legal saga was not a sad day for competitive eating because "this has nothing to do with competitive eating — it has to do with legal issues that come from bumping the stage."

"Competitive eating," Shea added, "has never been more robust and more dynamic."

In the end, Kobayashi, wearing a mismatched dark blue Commes de Garçons suit with a multi-colored, untucked striped and plaid shirt, said he was relieved to have the legal case against him concluded.

"I was so nervous that I didn't eat, so now I want to get a steak," he said.

When asked by this reporter how much steak he intended to eat, the world-pan-seared cow-brain-eater paused for a second and said, "A normal steak."

TANK...

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quite the contrary.

"Some people have psychological experiences," said Kubi, who has had about 20 one-to-two-hour sessions in the tank. "Some people see crazy stuff — lights and shapes. People say their breathing and body become more synchronized and that sound resonates strangely."

Count me in. Of course, I had some reservations as Kubi ushered me into the tank, which looks like a straight out of 2001:

A Space Odyssey." Namely, would I end up like William Hurt in "Altered States" — a sick, twisted lunatic — or, even worse, like Jeff Goldblum in "The Fly" — a freakish mutant that must be put out of its misery by Genea Davis? No worry, Kubi said. The tank is a meditative experience — there are no side effects involving genetic mutation. So with a little trepidation I stepped into the tank filled with highly salted water —

enough to make me able to float without any effort. The water was at body temperature, along with the rest of the tank, making it under where the water level began and ended.

Soon after shutting the door on reality, I stretched out, let my ears take in the water and began to hear Kubi's voice, echoing under water through speakers installed in the sides of the tank.

"You are now in a zero-gravity environment... imagine yourself as a politically active person, regardless of whether you are or not."

I tried for a moment to think about politics, but I was preoccupied with more immediate concerns: "Wow, look at that light-insect creeping around the roof of the tank! Whoa, how did it just get even darker in here? Hey, why is there a ray of light at my feet? Where is that music coming from? Why do I hear a subway rolling into the station? Am I running out of oxygen? Am I going to die in here?"

And then, sooner than I could say, "Get me the hell out of here!" it was over.

"Yeah, that was 45 minutes," Kubi said. The mental heavy lifting was done in the name of, of course, Kubi envisions his piece as an enriching experience that will hopefully make a person become more politically engaged.

To prepare me for the experience, Kubi had me spend time in the "context space," where he had arranged an assortment of books and audio recordings to get me ready to ruminate on zero gravity and activism. One of the books was by John C. Lilly — a pioneer in isolation experimentation.

A contemporary of Allen Ginsberg and Timothy Leary, Lilly subjected himself to sensory deprivation while tripping on hallucinogens. Later, Lilly spent a great deal of time trying to communicate with dolphins, leading to his declaration that the bottlenosed bastards can imitate human speech — a finding that has yet to be confirmed by those off drugs.

Kubi's recordings of himself — spoken in a thick, authoritative German accent that was oddly soothing at the same time — only in-

creased the feelings of disorientation. He said that the zero gravity experience presented an opportunity for new modes of thought.

It certainly was exhilarating, but I can't say that my political sensibilities changed. Of course, that won't necessarily be the case for anyone else that goes in the tank. As Kubi said, "The experience is different for everyone — it's about planting the seed of an idea."

I don't know if any ideas were planted in my dome, but in my brain, there is a hint of claustrophobia.

"FLOAT! Think tank 21" at Marian Spore gallery [55 Third St. between Second and Third avenues in Sunset Park, (646) 620-7758] opens Aug. 7 and runs through September. It is booked solid, but Kubi said he's trying to open more times.

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TERROR...

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father, a Muslim missionary from Guyana who died in 2004, led worshippers at the Al-Farooq mosque and acted as translator for Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, the blind cleric who masterminded the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center.

Today, Shukrijumah is hiding out in northwest

Pakistan with a \$5 million price tag on his head, the FBI said.

"[Shukrijumah] would be equated with being [al-Qaeda's] chief of operations," FBI special agent Brian LeBlanc told CNN on Friday, describing him as Osama Bin Laden's right hand man. "He's looking at attacking the U.S. and other

Western countries. Basically, through attrition, he has become his old boss."

Shukrijumah was recently indicted in absentia in Brooklyn Federal Court for his connection to Najibullah Zazi, the Queens resident arrested in April for planning multiple suicide bombings inside crowded subway trains. Before his arrest, Zazi had scouted out places where the bombs would create the most carnage, officials said.

According to the indictment, Shukrijumah met Zazi in Pakistan in 2008, recruited him to conduct the suicide bombings and promised to provide him with "material, support and resources" for his plan. Federal investigators also believe Shukrijumah has ties to terrorist cells in England.

Yet the mention of Shukrijumah's name on Atlantic Avenue this week was met with either blank stares or outrage over news that, once again, Atlantic Avenue — and the Al-Farooq Mosque in particular — has been tied to Islamic extremism.

In the 1990s, the mosque was reportedly Abdel-Rahman's base of operations.

— with Ben Kochman

FREAK...

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he asked.

Berlingieri also took offense to its inference that his businesses weren't "successful."

"What is considered 'successful'?" How about being in business for 10, 20 or even 60 years?" he said.

A representative of Luna Park, whose lease with the city to control the concessions runs through 2020, won't say exactly what the company envisions for the Boardwalk in the near future, but confirmed that changes are on the way.

"All who care about Coney Island will soon have more good news to cheer about on the Boardwalk," said spokesman Tom Corsillo.

But Corsillo told our sister publication, the New York Post — which first reported the existence of the letter — that Luna Park "isn't intending to clear house" next summer.

Late last year, controversial developer Joe Sitt sold the majority of his property along the Coney Island waterfront to the city for \$95.6

million, paying the way for Central Amusements to take over as landlord of the Boardwalk stalwarts, including Ruby's Bar, Cha Cha's, Paul's Daughter, and Lola Star Boutique.

When the deal was struck, Berlingieri had many of the same concerns, and asked Mayor Bloomberg point blank, "Is there a place for us?" referring to his and other Boardwalk stalwarts.

Despite some fear on the Boardwalk, other business owners saw the letter as an opportunity to brainstorm something previous landlords, like Sitt, refused to give them: a long-term lease.

"I was just happy it wasn't an eviction notice," said Diana Carlin, the owner of Lola Star, who famously tangled with Sitt. "They want to make sure businesses have legitimate plans to grow."

That assurance is something Berlingieri would also appreciate.

"If they're going to keep us here, then the letter isn't an issue," he said. "The issue is whether we're staying or not."

DRIGGS...

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the shooting.

Niederman offered a \$5,000 reward and begged witnesses or people with information about the suspects to come forward to the police.

"This reward is to send a message — when you commit a crime, we will get after you and you will be caught," said Niederman.

Councilwoman Letitia James (D-Fort Greene) echoed these sentiments, calling snitching a "badge of honor" and the duty of witnesses to "snitch for your community."

"It is a matter of hours before the subjects in this case will be caught," said James.

Niederman did not play the race card, suggesting that the shooting was not a hate crime but merely the work of two "bad apples."

"This is a cosmopolitan area. We all have jobs, and we come here to pray and then we leave," Azeem said. "It's not like the mosque is in a secret basement somewhere and we're hiding. We're on Atlantic Avenue, in the heart of Brooklyn! We all love peace."

— with Ben Kochman

BUSINESS BRIEFS

NY Methodist's cutting-edge radiation procedure

New York Methodist Hospital is now offering a new type of radiation therapy for select patients with difficult to reach (or inoperable) tumors. The procedure, stereotactic body radiation therapy, is a technique designed to deliver radiation therapy very precisely to tumors in the lung, liver, spine and pancreas — tumors that could not be treated as precisely with conventional radiation therapy and may be inoperable.

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"We knew that this technology would be ideal for some tumors in the body," said Dr. Hani Ashamalla, chairman of radiation oncology at the hospital. But, he added, researchers first had to develop ways to immobilize the patient and track mobile tumors especially those affected by the breathing cycle, such as lung and liver tumors, through a technique called "respiratory gating."

Respiratory gating is the latest advance in radiation oncology to permit a reduction in the volume of normal tissue treated. Using a multi-slice, four-dimensional CT scanner (the fourth dimension is time) and computers capable of storing and manipulating the necessary 1,500 CT images, radiation oncologists measure the tumor's range of motion during respiration and customize the treatment field to the patient, based on the magnitude and direction of tumor motion.

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WANTED...

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In the morning, Tucker went outside to water the plants and feed the chickens.

"I thought, 'Gosh, I only see one chicken,'" she recalled. Then, Tucker noticed the coop door was ajar, and her stomach dropped. She peeked in and saw something as grisly as it was touching: one surviving bird next to the now-stiff corpse of her

slaughtered coop-mate. "Sticking out were these two chicken feet in front mortis," Tucker recoiled.

She immediately summoned her husband to help clean up the mess.

"The surprising part was that it didn't seem to be eaten at all," he said. "There were some feathers missing, and its head was bitten off."

Unes, understandably, was

not pleased with the news, which she received upon her return later that week. After all, she raised the 5-year-old hen since it was a fluffy chick, caring for it every day in return for a daily deposit of fresh eggs.

"This is war," Unes said this week. "I want this thing out of my house."

Sure, the hen-caper could have been the work of rac-

coons, which have been causing a ruckus in neighborhoods such as Greenwood Heights — but Unes is hearing none of it.

She's convinced the case has opossum-prits all over it. After all, she said, it's only in the past year that she's been seeing the omnivorous mammals patrolling her backyard and beyond, something neighborhood

blogs have also been chronicling of late. "They are very ballsy," she observed. "They look at you with this serious New York attitude."

Tucker said that a few days after the kill, an opossum returned to the scene of the crime — looking like the cat who swallowed the canary.

"He was eyeing the other chicken," she said. "He

was waiting for the opportunity to go in and get the next one."

Opossums typically don't exceed 10 pounds and their small size makes them wary of humans, according to the Department of Environmental Conservation. Still, the state agency advised caution: "Opossums are the host for a variety of fleas, ticks and mites. They also

have teeth and claws. People should keep them at a safe distance," spokesman Thomas Panzone said.

Meanwhile, Unes isn't the only one taking the death hard. The dead hen's coop-mate stopped laying eggs for weeks since her companion's demise. Since the tragedy, Unes has fortified the coop, brought in a new hen.

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DAY GAME WIN: (At left) Justin Schafer hit an RBI single in the third inning of the Cyclones' 5-2 win over Connecticut on Monday. (Above) Third baseman Brian Harrison made a diving catch on a bunt to help preserve the win.

Ceciliani's worst slump yet

By Andy Campbell
The Brooklyn Paper

The dream of a .400 season seems to be dying for slumping slugger Darrell Ceciliani. In a week's worth of action through Monday's day off for the league-leading hitter, Ceciliani went 11-for-35—a "pathetic" .318, dropping his average to a mere .375.

The fans are demanding answers, yet the league-leading batter remains humble.

"I'm not worried at all about my stats—I'm just going out there and helping



CHASING MALOOF
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the team," Ceciliani told us.

But what of the demoralizing slump?

"That's baseball man," he said.

"There's slumps and ups and downs. But I feel great out there in the box."

Ceciliani's average is still .35 points

ahead of his nearest competitor, but not good enough to achieve the kind of immortality once achieved by the New York-Penn League's last .400-hitter, Jack Maloof.

We called Maloof to see if the legend himself could give some words of advice to the struggling 20-year-old, but Maloof just couldn't do it.

He works for the Kansas City Royals, after all. "It's a conflict of interest," sorry," he said.

In other words, Darrell, you're on your own.

On the road again!

But this time, the Cyclones can clinch division

Even the seemingly invincible Cyclones have begun to feel the heat.

On the eve of an important stretch of away games that will likely reveal whether this team has the intestinal fortitude to win the New York-Penn League championship, the dog days of summer have gotten to the Clones.

Including Monday's day game win, the Clones made a whopping 12 errors in their last four games. The team has still managed to win—the Cyclones have lost only four games out of 11 in August—but the level of play had diminished.

Skipper Wally Backman and the locker room leaders conceded that a bit of mental fatigue had set in. "We got a little lackadaisical at times," said Cory Vaughn, the team's all-star right-fielder. "We might have gotten too comfy. We got to stay focused."

As the heatwave wore on, it looked as if this dominant team might have a few chinks in its armor, prompting

ing the fiery Backman to summon his position players into his office on Monday and give them a dressing-down.

"I told them, 'Be ready for every situation before the situation arises,'" Backman said. "In this game, you'll get mentally tired before you get physically tired."

That's easy to understand considering most of the Cyclones are en-

during their first season of "little Major League" baseball, in which they play 76 games in three months—with only four days off.

Players said fatigue was indeed an issue. "Everybody's tired. You're out there everyday, it's hot and it's a grind," Flagg said, who was also named to the all-star team.

But he confidently added, "Fortunately, we got the guys to do it." If Flagg is right, the Cyclones will prove it on the road in the next two weeks, when they play 11 of 12 games on the road.

The team has absolutely domi-



Cory Vaughn: "We might have gotten too comfy."

nated at home—they are 21-5—but outside of Brooklyn, these Future Hall of Famers are more human, having won 13 and lost 11.

Still, even a less-than-stellar road trip should allow these beat-up Cyclones to add to their 9-1/2-game lead in the McNamara Division—and a clinch of at least a playoff spot in the team's nine-year quest to return the New York-Penn League crown to Brooklyn for the first time since the 2001 inaugural season.

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